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Memo

To: Pharmacy Providers
From: Bureau of TennCare
Date: November 12, 2004
Re: Point of Service (POS) Edits Implementation
Multi-Ingredient Compound Electronic Submission

The Bureau of TennCare appreciates your efforts in serving TennCare beneficiaries. In an effort to ensure our program maximizes the quality of care provided to beneficiaries as well as the benefit of dollars spent, **new Point of Service (POS) informational messages (edits) will be implemented on December 15, 2004.**

- These new informational messages will be related to drug to drug interactions and therapeutic duplications. They will be similar in format to those related to high dose that were implemented in July, 2004.
- Providers should review these messages for possible therapeutic issues that could negatively impact the health of the beneficiary and take action as appropriate.
- Beginning as early as Monday, January 3, 2005, a phase-in schedule will begin to implement POS denials on identified high dose, drug to drug interaction and therapeutic duplication edits.

In addition, this memo is to advise you that on Monday, January 3, 2005, First Health Services Corporation at the request of the Bureau of TennCare, will begin to accept and process the NCPDP Version 5.1 Compound Segment in order to provide electronic submission of multi-ingredient compounds. An additional notice related to this implementation along with an updated Payer Specifications Sheet will be sent to all pharmacy providers in early December, 2004.